



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 04423-99

28 February 2000

LT [REDACTED] CHC USNR  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Lieutenant [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 February 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Navy Personnel Command dated 17 November 1999, a copy of which is attached. The Board also considered your letter dated 15 February 2000 with enclosure.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records.

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Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS**

Via: PERS/BCNR Coordinator (PERS-00XCB)

Subj: E [REDACTED] U [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BUPERSINST 1610.10 EVAL Manual

Encl: (1) BCNR File

1. Enclosure (1) is returned. The member requests the removal of his fitness report for the period 1 February 1998 to 13 December 1998.

2. Based on our review of the material provided, we find the following:

a. A review of the member's headquarters record revealed the report in question to be on file. It is signed by the member acknowledging the contents of the report and his right to submit a statement. The member indicated his desire to submit a statement. The member's statement and first endorsement is properly reflected in his record.

b. Lieutenant [REDACTED] the fitness report was based on false allegations, and did not reflect the quality of work and dedication he exhibited. In reviewing petitions that question the exercise of the reporting senior's evaluation responsibilities, we must determine if the reporting senior abused his/her discretionary authority. For us to recommend relief, the petitioner has to show that either there is no rational support for the reporting senior's action or that the reporting senior acted for an illegal or improper purpose. The petitioner must do more just assert the improper exercise of discretion, he or she must provide evidence to support the claim. I do not believe that Lieutenant [REDACTED] one so. The fitness report itself represents the opinion of the reporting senior. Nothing provided in the petition shows that the reporting senior acted for illegal or improper purposes or that the report lacked rational support. The reporting senior reiterated his position for writing the fitness report as he did in his first endorsement to the member's statement.

c. Lieutenant [REDACTED] provided several letters of support in his petition, including the senior chaplain for III Marine Expeditionary Force. While these letters add insight and reflects favorably on the member's performance, it does not mean the fitness reports are inaccurate.

d. The member does not prove the report to be unjust or in error.

3. We recommend the member's record remain unchanged.

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Head, Performance  
Evaluation Branch